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**Subject:** RE: Media Inquiry: CD with Scrubgrass plant in Pa.

This CD was not an enforcement CD, it was regarding the Title V Permit. I sent this to Mary Cate. We don't have anything to add to the CD part, but could do a compliance screen?



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**Importance:** High



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Beth and Bill– This is a media inquiry from an E&E News reporter covering cryptocurrency mining that originally went to HQ and HQ is asking the Region for input. It involves an EPA consent decree at this Scrubgrass facility in PA. Thanks for any help you can provide.

**Reporter:** Jael Holzman, Mining Reporter for E&E News

**Inquiry:** ...Here's the plant I discussed with you over the phone: the Scrubgrass plant in Pennsylvania is now a bitcoin mining facility powered by coal refuse. <https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2021/10/13/Stronghold-Digital-Mining-Pennsylvania-s-waste-coal-crypto-company-files-90M-IPO-bitcoin/stories/202110130140>

Environmentalists have protested the Title V air permit given to Scrubgrass resulting in this consent decree. <https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/FR-2017-01-06/2017-00056>

I'm wondering the final outcome of this agreement, as well as whether there are any outstanding regulatory issues EPA is deciding on relating to Scrubgrass.

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**Subject:** FW: Another coal-to-crypto plant with EPA history

Roy,

Please reach out to ECAD on the facility listed below.

Thanks,



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**Subject:** FW: Another coal-to-crypto plant with EPA history

Hi all,

See below, we've been working with this E&E reporter on some reporting around cryptocurrency mining and she had a specific question about an EPA consent decree at this Scrubgrass facility in PA.

George, is there any update/outcome we can share on the consent decree? Region 3 and OAR, can you let me know if there's anything else we can share about enforcement/engagement/regulation related to this facility?

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Best,

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